

Son of Synthesis Builder

A synthesis is the combination of the ideas from more than one source with your own ideas. A successful synthesis represents an accurate report of information from the sources using different phrases and sentences not found in the original text. It is organized in such as way that readers are able to see where the information from the sources overlap. It interprets, in that it makes sense of the sources and helps the reader understand them in greater depth.

Summarizing the main points/themes/traits of the sources you are comparing will help you organize your thoughts. You will need to decide which elements of the texts being compared are most relevant. You also need to think about audience: what points will give your reader the best overall picture of the texts? What will be most interesting for the audience to read? Use a graph like this to organize your thoughts.

